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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 12-18 with the following amended claims:

1 11. A user interface method for controlling a television receiver to  
2 select television programs that are transmitted through the channels for display,  
3 wherein the television receiver is configured to receive C channels, where C is an  
4 integer, the method comprising the steps of:

6 displaying a channel matrix having n columns and m rows for displaying  
channel indicators for at most n x m channels, where n and m are positive integers  
greater than 2 and n x m is less than C, each definable channel indicator  
8 corresponding to a respectively different position in the matrix, wherein channels  
9 having programs with viewer selected features are highlighted;

10 moving a cursor over the channel indicators in the matrix to indicate a  
11 possible selection of a channel corresponding to one of the definable channel  
12 indicators;

13 displaying status information concerning the possibly selected channel;  
14 and